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lubricating oil is a lubricating oil that has been separated from a discharged refrigerant by an oil separator, and is guided to the lubrication target area due to a pressure difference between a discharge side and a suction side of the compressor.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended claim 2. This is iq order to place the application in standard U. S. form prior to examination. A clean copy of the amended claim is presented in this Amendment with a marked-up copy indicating the insertions and deletions presented in this Appendix. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

IN THE CLAIMS

2. (Amended) The compressor according to claim 1, [further defined in being a reciprocating compressor,] wherein said lubricating oil is a lubricating oil that has been separated from a discharged refrigerant by an oil separator, and is guided to the lubrication target area due to a pressure difference between a discharge side and a suction side of the compressor.